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The Honorable David L. Boren  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

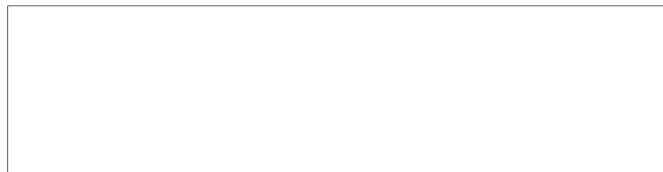
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A copy of this letter is also being sent to Vice Chairman Cohen.

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// John L. Helgerson  
Director of Congressional Affairs

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Sincerely,

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Director of Congressional Affairs

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September 28, 1988

The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Dear Judge Webster:

As you are aware, one of the Intelligence Committee's most important and continuing responsibilities is the oversight of U.S. capabilities to monitor compliance with arms control agreements while, at the same time, fulfilling other important responsibilities. Although a START treaty will not be signed this year, and significant disagreements remain between the United States and the Soviet Union, we believe that sufficient progress has occurred in the START negotiations to warrant comprehensive attention on our part.

Enclosed is the Intelligence Committee's work schedule to keep the Committee staff currently informed and fully prepared to address START and START-related intelligence issues. The work schedule, which has benefited from discussions with your Arms Control and Intelligence Staff and other experts, is based on the Committee's experience with the INF Treaty. While that treaty was still under negotiation, the intelligence community provided the Committee staff with a series of formal, on-the-record staff briefings that served as the basis for the Committee's hearings once the treaty was submitted to the Senate for ratification. These formal staff briefings were of great benefit to the Committee's deliberations, placing the Committee in a solid position to evaluate the intelligence implications of the INF Treaty.

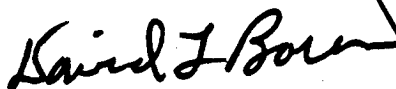
We believe that it is particularly important that the Committee staff begin its work on a START treaty now, since the monitoring and intelligence issues surrounding such a treaty are potentially much more important and complex than

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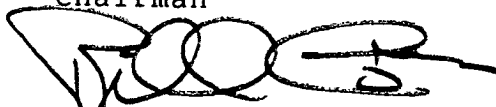
those associated with the INF agreement. We therefore request that the CIA's Arms Control Intelligence Staff (ACIS) assist our Committee staff by preparing or coordinating the preparation of briefings tailored to the enclosed work schedule.

As always, we appreciate your support and remain

Sincerely yours,



David L. Boren  
Chairman



William S. Cohen  
Vice Chairman

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